

RECEIVED
CENTRAL FAX CENTER

SEP 15 2006

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Appl. No.: 09/654,253
Applicants: Recker, et al.
Filed: September 1, 2000
TC/A.U.: 2128
Examiner: Day, Herng Der
Docket No.: SC11244ZC/46-005
Customer No.: 51894

Confirmation No. 5727

CERTIFICATE OF FACSIMILE TRANSMISSION

I hereby certify that this correspondence is being facsimile transmitted to the United States Patent and Trademark Office, Fax No. 571-273-8300
on September 15, 2006 to the attention of Examiner Herng Der Day of AU 2128.

Typed Name: Charles W. Bethards

Signature: Amendment with RCE

Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

In response to the Final Office Action of May 15, 2006 concerning the above-identified application, please consider the amendments and accompanying RCE as well as the comments as follows:

Amendments to the Specification begins on page 2 of this paper.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims, which begins on page 6 of this paper.

Amendments to the Drawings begin on page 12 of this paper and include an attached replacement sheet and an annotated sheet showing changes.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 13 of this paper.

An **Appendix** including amended drawings is attached following page 17 of this paper.

Page 1 of 17